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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS.

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To the People of the First Congressional district of Mississippi:

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the 58th Congress, subject to the action of the democratic party. As your present representative in congress, I have faithfully endeavored to do my duty, and to represent your interests and promote your welfare. I have given prompt attention to every request made to me by a citizen of Mississippi. I have given to each and all my constituents the same consideration and have, to the best of my ability, responded to their every request and suggestion, and it has been my earnest desire to advance the interests of all the people of the district alike. I will in the highest degree appreciate your endorsement and support, and if re-elected, will give you in the next congress the same honest and faithful service that I have attempted to render you in this present one. I am, very sincerely and gratefully,
Your obedient servant,
E. S. CANDLER, JR.

From Sunday's Issue.

THE AGE OF SPECIALIZATION.

We live in an age of specialization. The doctrines of the division of labor has been carried to the last extreme. In the text books on political economy one may read that at least a dozen different men take part in the manufacture of every pin and of every pair of shoes. Nor is it only the manual industries that are thus cut up into bits and fragments. A similar partitioning of functions is going on in the highest professions.

Where now is the encyclopedic scholar that intermeddled with all knowledge, and then signed for more words to conquer? He has passed to his account and has no legitimate successors. The scholars of today are concentrating on the Greek article, or the shapes of oak leaves, or the habits of grub worms. Where is the old teacher who advertised himself as "Professor of Astronomy, Mental and Moral Science, and the Theory and Practice of Teaching?" He, too, is gone, and his place is filled by a dozen bright young men, one of whom confines himself solely to laboratory work in physiological psychology. Where is the old lawyer who practiced with equal facility in all courts, undertaking with perfect confidence an action for assault and battery before a country magistrate or the discussion of an essential equity before a learned chancellor, and who, as a sort of by-play, read the English classics, wooed the muses, ran for congress and managed two plantations? The places that knew him once shall know him no more forever. He has been followed by an army of criminal shysters, railroad attorneys, counsellors learned in insurance statutes, the primary election laws, and so on.

And our delightful old friend, the country doctor, who carried a miniature drug store in his saddle bags, and a case of rusty surgical instruments in his overcoat pocket, and who was ready on a moment's notice either to apply a leech or saw off a leg, to cut out an eye or sew up a wound, to save up a cancer or to let blood for a fever—what has become of him? The popular belief is that Ian Maclaren buried him in the parish church yard of Drumtochty. It would be difficult to tell how many different departments of medicine have been mapped off and assigned to men of special training.

Even the Christian ministry has not escaped the prevailing infection. Many men may be found in this high calling who affect specific forms of ministerial labor, and neglect everything else. The result is that we have the PROFESSIONAL EVANGELIST, who gives it out that he is an expert in that most difficult of all arts, the saving of souls; the SERMONIZER, who looks with ill-concealed aversion on what he is pleased to term the trifling work of visiting from house to house; the pastor who regards much study as an altogether useless weariness of the flesh, and who concentrates all of his energies in going hither and yon to see somebody; the league worker, the financier and the revivalist.

We do not wish to be understood as opposing specialists in

any line, for he who has a special gift should make use of it; but we do not believe it is well for a man to suffer himself to be a one-sided hobbyist. He should seek to bring out into active play those powers which are not signal nor so conspicuous.

THE FAULT-FINDING HABIT.

There are a few newspapers in the state whose editors seem to confine their faith to a single scripture passage, "There are none good." Accordingly when they write or when they talk, and therefore whenever they think, it is always to criticize or condemn somebody.

They seem eager always to hear something bad about people and pay slight heed to the generous word of commendation or the due expression of appreciation.

They impress you as laboring under the delusion that their mission is to correct all the ills of the human conduct, to make straight all the tangled and knotted threads of human life, and to bring order out of chaos of all the plans and products of men's hearts and heads and hands. The frank, clean-souled believer in human honesty is, by these sour-spirited sensor morum, adjudged a politic self-seeker. Accustomed to require all roads to end at their own doors, they suspect everybody else as an evil-disgusting victim of selfish ambition; hence they measure every other man's act of kindness or word of good will, by their own standard of "will it pay me?" Such men naturally drift into the universal night of agnosticism in relation to their fellow man—they do not know whom to trust, hence they believe in nobody, care for nobody and finally land on the desert island of "Nobody cares for me."

Speaking ill of a fellow man is a habit, a hateful, hurtful habit that should not be cultivated; for if it does not lower a man in his own estimation it lowers him in the estimation of others, especially people of sunny natures who love light rather than darkness and who do not enjoy listening to abuse of others even though they may be enemies. When a man discovers himself growing into a disposition to write sarcastic and abusive articles, to say ugly and disagreeable things and to think ungenerous and uncharitable thoughts, of his fellow man who doubtless is his superior, it is high time for him to be shouldering a hoe and entering with resolute purpose the weed choked garden of his own character to clean it out.

THAT INFAMOUS SPEECH.

The New York Journal after quoting from President Roosevelt's infamous Arlington speech says:

This newspaper feels bound to confess that it sympathizes with the men and women of the south who resent Mr. Roosevelt's Declaration Day speech.

The substance of Mr. Roosevelt's utterance, as Southerners understand it, is practically this: "You Southerners lynch men and burn them alive. You ought, therefore, not to criticize officials in the Philippines who administer the water cure, shoot unarmed men occasionally, but never burn them alive, except by accident."

It is true that in the South human beings are burned alive. It is also true that no man regrets more earnestly than the Southerner these horrible demonstrations of the savage force of human resentment.

But it is NOT true that the lynching of the criminal in the South can be properly classed with the wholesale torture and execution of men and women in the Philippines.

The Philippine who defends his home against the armed forces of the United States may be a misguided man.

We sincerely believe that he is opposing a force which in the end will benefit his fellows.

But we desire to state, on behalf of the South, that the Filipino defending his home, refusing to betray his comrades to certain death at the request of a foreign officer, is a very different person from the criminal in the South who has outraged and murdered a helpless girl.

We believe that we do the President of the United States good service when we seek to impress upon him the fact that the Southerners who defend them-

selves, even violently, against a horrible danger to their women, are not criminals. The murderers whom they treat occasionally with a severity regrettable, but not incomprehensible, should not share the sympathy that we extend to distant, peaceful islanders, struggling in ignorance against what they feel to be foreign invasion.

THE EXTRA SESSION.

Concerning the proposed extra session of the legislature, the Mississippi department of the Memphis Commercial Appeal gives out the following:

The Mississippi Congress association has opened the campaign for an extra session of the legislature in order to obtain some remedial legislation in the embarrassing insurance question. President Newberger has addressed a letter to the governor on behalf of the thirty-five compresses represented, urging him to convene the legislature in extra session and to urge upon them the importance of repealing the valued policy law in so far, at least, as it applies to cotton. In his communication President Newberger states that if the valued policy law continues in force it will not be practicable to get insurance on cotton in Mississippi under the recent decision of the supreme court, and that the cotton will therefore be driven into other states to get insurance. The compress men, the banks and the insurance agents of the State are moving strenuously along the line of getting an extra session of the legislature and will bring to bear all the pressure possible upon the governor. Petitions are now being prepared to be circulated in every county of the state. These will be sent to all insurance agents, to all banks and all compresses, and will be distributed throughout the counties at convenient places. It is the belief of the business and insurance men and others interested that the petitions will be liberally signed as soon as the people can be made to understand the seriousness of the situation. There is some fear, however, that this will not be fully appreciated until it is felt. It will then be too late to remedy the trouble.

There have been, and are to be, so many June weddings at Greenwich, Conn., that the agents of the Adams' express company at that place have resigned because they were unable to handle the presents and the company would send them no help. The men were working sixteen hours a day to get the work done, but in spite of that, found that the wedding gifts were inevitably getting ahead of them.—Holly Springs South.

PATTERSON, N. J., which is recognized as the headquarters of anarchism in America, was the scene last Thursday of a riot which at one time threatened to equal the terrible Haymarket affair in its disastrous results. The mayor of Patterson, however, used drastic measures to disperse the mob, ordering the police to use their revolvers in case their clubs proved ineffective, and the strikers were soon quieted.

The territory contiguous to Columbus was visited by a heavy rain last Friday night. In many places the rain was accompanied by terrific winds and at Eupora, Miss., there was a heavy fall of hail. Aberdeen and West Point were both visited by storms of some severity, the roof of the jail in the latter place being carried off by the wind.

DR. WM. KRAUSS, an eminent chemist of Memphis, is very ill with malarial fever, and Dr. James B. McElroy, of Stovall, Miss., has been called in as consulting physician. Dr. McElroy, who is recognized throughout the south as a specialist in malarial diseases, is a native of Columbus, and The Commercial is very glad to note his success.

THE Mississippi National Guard is to have a state encampment instead of regimental encampments this year. The location is to be selected by the officers of the various regiments. Both Natchez and Biloxi are said to be anxious for the proposed amalgamation of the state's soldiers.

The United States senate has adopted by a vote of forty-two to thirty-four the Spooner substitute to Nicaragua canal bill.

It looks as if Judge Whitfield will be appointed to succeed himself as chief justice of the Supreme court of Mississippi.

A Real Friend.

"I suffered from dyspepsia and indigestion for fifteen years," says W. T. Sturdevant, of Merry Oaks, N. C. "After I had tried many doctors and medicines to no avail one of my friends persuaded me to try Kodol. It gave immediate relief. I can eat almost anything I want now and my digestion is good. I cheerfully recommend Kodol." Don't try to cure stomach trouble by dieting. That only further weakens the system. You need wholesome, strengthening food. Kodol enables you to assimilate what you eat by digesting it without the stomach's aid.—E. C. Chapman.

CITY COUNCIL'S BUSY SESSION.

The city council held an important meeting Thursday night, at which the question of the extension of the sewerage system was discussed at length, and the number of miles to be laid, the route of the line and the approximate cost of the same determined upon. Engineer Ludlow, who has the contract for the work, was present at the meeting and presented his estimate on the work, which places the total cost of the proposed extension at about twenty-five thousand dollars, and the council fixed upon this sum as the maximum amount to be expended in this direction. The total length of the new line will be about nine miles, including the lateral lines, which will connect with a trunk sewer at the intersection of Fifteenth street and First avenue, north, which in turn will connect with the present trunk line at a point near Garth's race track in Robertson's addition.

The streets on which the new line will be laid are as follows:

Second street, south, from Third avenue, south, to sixth avenue, south.

Third street, from Third avenue, to Sixth avenue, south.

Sixth avenue, from Third street to Eleventh street.

Fourth street, from Third avenue, south, to Sixth avenue, south.

Third avenue, south, from Second street to Fourth street.

Second avenue, south, from Fifth street to Eleventh street.

First avenue, south, from Fifth street to Twelfth street.

Eleventh street, from Main street to Second avenue, north.

Second avenue north, from Eighth street to Fifteenth street.

Tenth street, from Second avenue, north, to Ninth avenue, north.

Eighth street, from first avenue, north, to Fifth avenue, north.

Fifth street, from Third avenue, south, to Sixth avenue, south.

Sixth street, from Third avenue, south, to Sixth avenue, south.

Seventh street, from Third avenue, south, to Sixth avenue, south.

Main street, from Eleventh street to Fourteenth street.

Sixth street, from Main street to Third avenue, north.

Seventh street, from Main street to Third avenue, north.

Seventh street, from Fourth avenue, north, to Fifth avenue, north.

Fourth avenue, north, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

Ninth street, from First avenue, north, to Sixth avenue, north.

Fifteenth street, from First avenue, north, to Fifth avenue, north.

Fifth avenue, north, from Eleventh street to Fifteenth street.

Fourth avenue, north, from Eleventh street to Fifteenth street.

Third avenue, north, from Thirteenth street to Fifteenth street.

First avenue, north, from Twelfth street to Fifteenth street.

Third avenue, south, from Eighth street to Eleventh street.

The council will meet again tomorrow night, at which time the erection of the new city hall will be discussed, and it is possible that contracts for both this and the new public school building will be awarded at an early date.

Mowers and rakes that are up-to-date. F. M. JACOB.

BARBECUE AND FLAG RAISING.

The members of Columbus Lodge No. 555, B. P. O. E., are making extensive preparations for the flag raising and barbecue which they are to have on Friday, July 4th. The flag raising is to take place at the elegant club house on west Main street in the forenoon, at which time the beautiful flag which was presented to the lodge some time since by that enthusiastic Elk and loyal and public spirited citizen, Mr. Harrison Johnston, will be floated to the breeze with appropriate ceremonies.

At the conclusion of the flag raising the members of the lodge and a number of invited guests will repair to Tucker's Vineyard, where, after feasting the inner man on the delicious barbecued meats which will be found awaiting them there, they will be treated to a feast of reason by Hon. E. O. Sykes, of Aberdeen, who has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on the occasion. There is no more popular man in the state than Judge Sykes, and the people of Columbus, who not only honor and respect him because of his ability as a jurist, but who love him because of his genial disposition and kind heart, are always glad of an opportunity to hear him.

SODA WATER SALE A GREAT SUCCESS.

The sale of soda water at the various fountains of the city last Thursday afternoon and evening for the benefit of the Columbus Rifleman was a decided success, and quite a neat sum was added to the treasury of the company. All the fountains were gaily and attractively decorated with American flags and the colors of the company, and at several of the stores orchestras, which had been engaged especially for the occasion, discoursed sweet music. Besides the sale of soda water, boxes of cigars, candy and toilet articles were raffled off at several of the stores, and the young ladies deserve a great deal of credit for the zeal and energy displayed by them in inducing the young men to take chances in these raffles.

When the sales were footed up at the close of the evening it was found that those of Messrs. Curry, Lipscomb and Caine had been the largest and they were accordingly awarded the prize, a dainty piece of brie-a-brac decorated in the colors of the company, the presentation being made by Mrs. C. H. Ayres, who originated the scheme and who labored assiduously for its success. The prize was accepted on behalf of the firm by Mr. Lee Caine, who made a neat little speech in which he paid a graceful compliment to the ladies who were at the winning fount and who worked so valiantly for the Rifleman and the prize. These ladies were Mesdames Maggie Steele and Mamie Franklin, chaperones, Misses Gertie Kaufman, Emma Simrall, Irene Robertson, Sadie Cheatham, Lucile Richardson and Mattie Will Walker.

The ladies in charge of the affair request The Commercial to state that the prize was offered to the firm turning in the largest amount of cash, and as Messrs. Curry, Lipscomb & Caine turned in more than any other firm, the prize was accordingly awarded to them.

Ready to Yield.

"I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for piles and found it a certain cure," says S. R. Meredith, Willow Grove, Del. Operations unnecessary to cure piles. They always yield to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Cures skin disease, all kind of wounds. Except no counterfeits.—E. C. Chapman.

THE RAIN.

A general rain fell throughout this section Friday night, and the farmers are naturally very much elated over the fact, as the crops were materially benefitted thereby. The merchants of the city also wear pleasant faces, as their trade depends to a large extent upon the farmers, and when crops are poor business is dull.

The prospects now seem very bright, and it is to be hoped that good crops will prevail throughout this section this year.

THE HALL OF FAME.

Commercial Readers to Vote on Greatest Mississippians.

JACKSON, Miss., June 9, 1902.

EDITOR COMMERCIAL:

Permit me to call your attention to a matter of importance to the Department of Archives and History, and to ask your aid in presenting it prominently before the people of the state. In the beautiful new capitol which is nearing completion there will be a Mississippi Hall of Fame, in which will be preserved the names and likenesses of great men of the state, including great leaders of all classes and professions.

While it is not intended to give special prominence to any class of our great men, or limit in any number it will awaken interest in matters historical and stimulate state pride to give all the people an opportunity to select ten great Mississippians who should have places in this Hall of Fame. Will you kindly open your columns to the people for the above named purpose with your next issue and close the ballot August 1st? If you have any letters of merit and interest in the course of the vote, may I ask you to preserve and forward them to the Department of Archives and History, with the result of the vote as taken by your valuable publication?

I have the honor to be, with best wishes,

Yours, very truly,

DUNBAR ROWLAND.

RULES OF THE CONTEST.

Mr. Rowland suggests that the following rules for the vote be observed:

1. Every Mississippian above fifteen years of age is a qualified voter.
2. Great Mississippians of the past only should be voted for.
3. The voter should use the coupon published in his newspaper as a ballot.
4. The vote should be for ten great Mississippians, native or adopted.
5. There is to be a close August 1st.
6. The portraits of the ten Mississippians who receive the greatest number of votes will be placed in the Hall of Fame of the Department of Archives and History, along with those of other illustrious men of the state who have by great deeds won the distinction.

The following form of voting coupon is suggested:

HALL OF FAME.

The Commercial requests its readers and friends to vote for ten great Mississippians for the purpose of having the portraits of those receiving the largest vote placed in the Hall of Fame of the new capitol.

Please use the coupon given below as a ballot and address Hall of Fame Vote, care of The Commercial.

HALL OF FAME COUPON.

THE COMMERCIAL.

Give me:—Please record this, my vote for ten great Mississippians who should have a place in the Hall of Fame of the new capitol.

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CADET APPOINTED.

Congressman Candler has nominated Mr. Edwin E. Hudson, of Starkville, as cadet to West Point, and Messrs. Claude Banks Mayo, of Columbus, and Chas. G. Oglesby, of Tupelo, as alternates. Mr. Hudson will, provided that he successfully stands the required physical and mental examinations, receive the appointment, but in the event that he should fail on either of these, Mr. Mayo will be permitted to take them, and in case he passes will receive the appointment.

The success of both Mr. Hudson and Mr. Mayo is a source of much pleasure to the people of Columbus for, although not a resident of Columbus, Mr. Hudson is well known here, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hudson, former residents of this city. Mr. Mayo is the son of Major and Mrs. J. P. Mayo, and is a bright, manly young gentleman, being extremely popular wherever he is known.

Mr. Candler states that he made these selections after an earnest and careful consideration of the applications before him and that in doing so he had no object in view save to discharge faithfully a public duty in accordance with what seemed to be the desire of his constituents. The Commercial feels sure that Mr. Candler's action in the matter meets with the hearty approval of the people of the district.

Fresh ice cream daily, choice fruit flavors. Mayo and Weaver.

FOUND DEAD IN HER BED.

Mary John Witherspoon, a negro woman living in the north-western portion of the city, was found dead yesterday morning by John Hays, a negro, occupying a home next door. Hays reported the case to the authorities and Coroner Kinschewer empanelled a jury and held an inquest over the remains.

There were no marks of violence upon the woman's body, so an autopsy was held to find out whether or not poison had been administered, but Dr. J. E. Davis, who performed it, could find no evidence of foul play, and gave it as his opinion that the woman died from hypertrophy of the liver, aggravated by acute dysentery, and the jury returned a verdict attributing the woman's death to natural causes.

The woman, it seems, had neither money, kindred nor friends, and the remains will probably be buried at the expense of the county.

Looks Them All.

"One Minute Cough Cure beats all other medicines I ever used for coughs, colds, croup and throat and lung troubles," says Dr. Scott Gough, of Logan, Pa. One Minute Cough Cure is the only absolutely safe cough remedy which acts immediately. Mothers everywhere testify to the good it has done their little ones. Cough is an indicator in its attacks that the doctor often arrives too late. It is well to start with One Minute Cough Cure. Pleasant to take. Children like it. Safe cure for croup, bronchitis, coughs.—E. C. Chapman.

Mr. W. F. Leigh is in the city or a visit to his family.